

**February 14, 2023**

The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 14, 2023. The location of the meeting was in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brian W. Vaught, Chair  
 Rolland R. Cook, Vice Chair  
 Ryan M. Lawson  
 James D. "Jamie" Smith

Jesse R. Burnett  
 B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.  
 Stacy A. Terry (*by phone*)

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator  
 Martha Collins, Clerk/Administrative Assistant  
 Scot Farthing, County Attorney  
 Matthew C. Hankins, Assistant County Administrator

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Jerry Blevins  
 Natalie Drummond  
 Jim & Dee Ennis  
 Charlie Foster  
 Cody Jackson  
 Gus Kincer

Zach Lester  
 Linda Meyer  
 Dicky Morgan  
 Zach Wright  
 and one other

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Vaught determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pastor Natalie Drummond, West End United Methodist Church, provided the invocation and Vice Chair Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ELECTRONIC MEETING POLICY**

Chair Vaught announced that Supervisor Terry is not feeling well and will be joining by phone. In accordance with Rule 5.3 in the Rules of Procedure, approval is automatic unless someone wishes to move to disapprove the electronic participation.

**CITIZENS' TIME**

1. Neighbor Issues – Mr. Jerry Blevins appeared before the Board and stated “My ‘Rodney Report’ for this reporting period shows a moderate level of activity. On January 25, 2023, my TV signal was messed with. On January 26<sup>th</sup>, my printer copy counter was messed with. On January 28<sup>th</sup>, loud noises made in the early morning hours. On January 29<sup>th</sup>, my smartphone was turned off in the on position. On January 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:45 p.m., my double garage experienced a computer-generated noise similar to a noise a fluorescent lightbulb would make when it’s near the end of its useful life. February 1, 2023, my LED lights were messed with. On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, both of my smartphones went out completely at the same time and not even 911 calls could be made from a while. On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, I found some air was let out the right rear tire on my Suzuki car. I know Rodney knew that the night was cold but no wheel tires were low so choosing a cold night for this activity might not be a good idea, especially since only one tire was affected. On February 5, 2023, my printer copy counter was messed with; LED lights were messed with. On February 6<sup>th</sup>, my TV signal was interfered with at 8:35 p.m. on TV channel 10.1. On February 8<sup>th</sup>, my LED lights were messed with. On February 11<sup>th</sup>, one of my light switches in my double garage had been turned on. Approximately ten days ago, I experienced some harassment from two security guards at the WCC campus but nothing came of it. This is a common problem throughout the nation due to more crime, more police, more problems. Thank you.”
  
2. Humanitarian/Community Involvement – Mr. Zach Lester appeared before the Board and stated “Good afternoon, Board. Thank you guys for being here and for what you do. I just want to bring a couple issues up to the talking points. So, we have had a major disaster up in Ohio recently, I’m sure everybody’s heard. It’s not being put out in the news very much but it’s like 120,000 gallons of vinyl chloride and they set it on fire creating this huge environmental disaster. They’re comparing it to Chernobyl. So, it’s a pretty major event where our news channels are not putting a lot of this information out there, and we haven’t responded appropriately to this issue as well. So, it’s going to affect most of the eastern part of the United States; we are in that area. And so, I think that we should be bringing up testing for our water supplies and just keeping a little bit of an awareness. The reasons I’m pointing this out is because in August 2022, a movie was announced – the movie is called ‘White Noise’. You guys have to check this trailer out. So, it actually takes place in the exact county that this train was derailed and the situation that happened when the train derailed, according to the movie, was it was hauling a lot of hazardous chemicals. And so in August of last year, five months ago, they just announced a movie about Palestine, Ohio, and this horrible train wreck, evacuating the whole county because these

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hazardous materials being leaked. And then five months later, low and behold, we have a train wreck in Palestine, Ohio, hazardous materials, town evacuated. So, I have been pointing out issues over the past couple years here and after so many months were validated over and over again, right now Twitter is being held accountable by the House Committee, all of the 2020 interference that social platforms were having with our election; they literally rigged our election in 2020. Nobody would listen to us; nobody would do anything about it. Here we are two years later and the evidence is coming out. We've been right on so many different horrors from the masking of the children; the studies are coming out now that the masks don't really work; the vaccinations that were mandatory; we really have to stop getting bogged down with management and really come to the reality of what we need to talk about. Some of these issues are affecting everybody and the future of our country and the future of humanity. Those are the real things that I think that our meetings should be geared around. I'm not just going to come and complain about the problems, though, I also want to offer some suggestions. I think that if the community were inspired to participate in these meetings, that's how we fix everything. Less government, more involvement of the community. That's how we can fix this. So, instead of the Board making such big decisions, we should be encouraging the people to come up like we do and talk about these issues. I'm not right. I don't know everything but there's a lot of really good people in our community that do have good answers and we just got to get them here to talk. Thank you guys for all that you do. I hope you have a good day. Check out 'White Noise' trailer on YouTube. It will blow your mind. It's like literally watching the travesty happening now just produced on 4k a couple months ago. Thank you guys."

With no one else signed up to address the Board, Chair Vaught closed Citizens' Time.

**PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES**

Vice Chair Cook made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on February 14, 2023 2023, as amended, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30114471-30114719, and one wire transfer, as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT  
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<b>CHECK #</b>	<b>ISSUE DATE</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
30114471	01/31/2023	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$ 3,804.65

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30114472	01/31/2023	BRIGHTSPEED	283.36
30114472	01/31/2023	BUSINESS CARD	1,128.45
30114472	01/31/2023	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	979.95
30114472	01/31/2023	SEGRA	30.35
30114472	01/31/2023	TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY	285.85
30114472	01/31/2023	VERIZON WIRELESS	1,833.31
30114478	01/31/2023	WYTHE CO WATER & WASTEWAT	881.65
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES 01/31/2023</b>			<b>\$ 9,227.57</b>

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wire	02/14/2023	TRUIST	\$ 36,881.92
30114479	02/14/2023	ALL AROUND SPORTING GOODS	135.00
30114480	02/14/2023	ALLIED INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT	574.50
30114481	02/14/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	3,411.20
30114482	02/14/2023	AMERICAN MINE RESEARCH IN	882.56
30114483	02/14/2023	AMERICAN STEEL & IRON CO.	230.00
30114484	02/14/2023	APPALACHIAN POWER	39,390.88
30114485	02/14/2023	ASCHENBACH FORD OF WYTHEV	2,716.95
30114486	02/14/2023	ATMOS ENERGY	155.15
30114487	02/14/2023	BARREN SPRINGS VOL FIRE D	1,893.54
30114488	02/14/2023	BRIGHTSPEED	539.71
30114489	02/14/2023	BSN SPORTS INC	68.02
30114490	02/14/2023	BUSINESS INFORMATION SYST	56.00
30114491	02/14/2023	CARROLL COUNTY PSA	3,563.75
30114492	02/14/2023	CARTER MACHINERY CO INC	790.12
30114493	02/14/2023	CARZ R US LLC	64.00
30114494	02/14/2023	CAVALIER SUPPLY CO	2,192.77
30114495	02/14/2023	CINTAS CORP NO 2	224.50
30114496	02/14/2023	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	155.51
30114497	02/14/2023	CIVICPLUS, LLC	3,362.50
30114498	02/14/2023	CJL ENGINEERING	74,958.98
30114499	02/14/2023	COLT W. SIMMONS CONSTRUCT	5,260.00
30114500	02/14/2023	COMPLETE TRUCK SERVICE IN	232.50
30114501	02/14/2023	COULTER'S FLORIST INC	80.00
30114502	02/14/2023	COUNTY OF WYTHE	1,416.67
30114503	02/14/2023	CREATIVE GLASS INC	267.94
30114504	02/14/2023	CW WARTHEN	495.00
30114505	02/14/2023	DEBORAH W. GOUGE	300.00
30114506	02/14/2023	DEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	3,975.00

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30114507	02/14/2023	DISTRICT THREE	12,404.00
30114508	02/14/2023	ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	6,410.85
30114509	02/14/2023	FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER	1,875.00
30114510	02/14/2023	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5	2,640.41
30114511	02/14/2023	FN WHOLESALE LIGHTING & S	816.49
30114512	02/14/2023	FOOD COUNTRY	3.76
30114513	02/14/2023	FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	141.00
30114514	02/14/2023	GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	222.29
30114515	02/14/2023	HALL OIL & PROPANE, INC	4,401.54
30114516	02/14/2023	HATAWAY, MORGAN D.	73.49
30114517	02/14/2023	HURT & PROFFITT INC	3,605.00
30114518	02/14/2023	I2C TECHNOLOGIES LTD	900.00
30114519	02/14/2023	JASON'S AUTO SERVICE	40.00
30114520	02/14/2023	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTH	42,635.84
30114521	02/14/2023	JONES, MICHAEL D	67.52
30114522	02/14/2023	JP COOKE CO	45.75
30114523	02/14/2023	KC AUTOMOTIVE	64.65
30114524	02/14/2023	KING GENERAL CONTRACTORS	25,727.69
30114525	02/14/2023	KING-MOORE INC	682.50
30114526	02/14/2023	KNA CONTRACTING	433,542.95
30114527	02/14/2023	LANE ENTERPRISES, INC	481.20
30114528	02/14/2023	LANE GROUP	2,937.50
30114529	02/14/2023	LAUREL CREEK POTTERY LLC	200.00
30114530	02/14/2023	LEXISNEXIS	770.00
30114531	02/14/2023	LOWE'S	2,037.34
30114532	02/14/2023	MAGIC CITY CDJR BEDFORD,	39,712.00
30114533	02/14/2023	MANSFIELD OIL CO	9,241.98
30114534	02/14/2023	MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS AME	2,520.00
30114535	02/14/2023	NEW DIRECT CHRYSLER DODGE	250.64
30114536	02/14/2023	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER	57,979.05
30114537	02/14/2023	NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL	130,327.40
30114538	02/14/2023	OGLE, DEREK S	365.00
30114539	02/14/2023	ANN WYNN	37.70
30114540	02/14/2023	BRENDAN COPPAGE	14.55
30114541	02/14/2023	BRENDAN COPPAGE	19.66
30114542	02/14/2023	BRENDAN COPPAGE	115.24
30114543	02/14/2023	CHRIS TERRY	233.71
30114544	02/14/2023	DriveERT	5.81
30114545	02/14/2023	JOHN K. YOUNG	30.00

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30114546	02/14/2023	KATELYN RAMBO	8.13
30114547	02/14/2023	LUCAS BREWER	119.93
30114548	02/14/2023	LUCAS BREWER	123.97
30114549	02/14/2023	LUCAS BREWER	48.37
30114550	02/14/2023	WAYNE KIRBY	353.38
30114551	02/14/2023	WYTHE COUNTY BUILDING INS	100.00
30114552	02/14/2023	PAPER CLIP	845.79
30114553	02/14/2023	PARTNERSHIP SCREENING INT	14.40
30114554	02/14/2023	PROTECT YOUTH SPORTS	35.90
30114555	02/14/2023	QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	474.00
30114556	02/14/2023	R&R ENTERPRISES INC	266.75
30114557	02/14/2023	RENTAL HUB INC	88.25
30114558	02/14/2023	ROBINSON FARMER COX ASSOC	65,646.00
30114559	02/14/2023	RYAN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	1,200.00
30114560	02/14/2023	SCHOOL OUTFITTERS LLC	1,439.72
30114561	02/14/2023	SHENTEL	1,350.56
30114562	02/14/2023	THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CO.	685.58
30114563	02/14/2023	SOLARIS WYTHE LLC	30.88
30114564	02/14/2023	SOUTH EAST SALES	1,150.00
30114565	02/14/2023	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	488.61
30114566	02/14/2023	STONEMAN, RICK	51.13
30114567	02/14/2023	STRYKER SALES CORPORATION	26,952.15
30114568	02/14/2023	STX CORPORATION	763,631.69
30114569	02/14/2023	TACS	4,760.30
30114570	02/14/2023	TERRY, CHRIS J	43.88
30114571	02/14/2023	THE C.I. THORNBURG., INC	158,558.00
30114572	02/14/2023	THOMPSON, JOHN P	100.00
30114573	02/14/2023	THREE RIVERS MEDIA CORP	330.00
30114574	02/14/2023	TIRE DISCOUNTERS, INC	1,391.19
30114575	02/14/2023	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	500.00
30114576	02/14/2023	TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNA	75.00
30114577	02/14/2023	TRI CITIES/SW VA REGIONAL	973.45
30114578	02/14/2023	TURNER KELLY B	29.00
30114579	02/14/2023	US CELLULAR	880.44
30114580	02/14/2023	USA BLUE BOOK	339.21
30114581	02/14/2023	V&M RECYCLING	82,226.14
30114582	02/14/2023	VAUGHT, KATHY	72.00
30114583	02/14/2023	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYST	225.19
30114584	02/14/2023	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYSTEMS	478.35

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30114585	02/14/2023	VIRGINIA INTERACTIVE	95.00
30114586	02/14/2023	VITA	170.53
30114587	02/14/2023	VRAV	290.00
30114588	02/14/2023	VUPS	69.30
30114589	02/14/2023	WATER ENVIRONMENT FEDERAT	205.00
30114590	02/14/2023	WILDLIFE CONTROL SUPPLIES	348.95
30114591	02/14/2023	WYTHE COUNTY ANIMAL CLINI	656.00
30114592	02/14/2023	WYTHE OIL DISTRIBUTORS	4,659.39
30114593	02/14/2023	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	355.00
30114594	02/14/2023	WYTHEVILLE AUTO & TRUCK R	20.00
30114595	02/14/2023	WYTHEVILLE ENTERPRISE	82.99
30114596	02/14/2023	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	1,330.62
30114597	02/14/2023	XEROX	191.04

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES 02/14/2023****\$2,092,415.34**

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30114598	02/14/2023	ALLEN DETRA GAIL	\$ 82.66
30114599	02/14/2023	ALEXANDER DAVID M	94.24
30114600	02/14/2023	ALLISON MICHAEL PAUL	20.00
30114601	02/14/2023	AMBURN LEIGH ANNE	8.36
30114602	02/14/2023	AMBURN RONNIE L & LEIGH A	203.72
30114603	02/14/2023	ARNOLD CURTIS E	15.81
30114604	02/14/2023	ARNOLD REGINA NEESE	10.00
30114605	02/14/2023	ARNOLD SR PHILLIP EDWIN	10.00
30114606	02/14/2023	BAILEY ZEBULON SCOTT	20.00
30114607	02/14/2023	BALL SHARON K	40.80
30114608	02/14/2023	BARKER LISA GAYLE	20.00
30114609	02/14/2023	BARRY JUNE H	9.10
30114610	02/14/2023	BARRY JUNE H	25.05
30114611	02/14/2023	BIRD KAREN GU	20.00
30114612	02/14/2023	BOWERS BYTHA J	14.26
30114613	02/14/2023	BRADY MARC CHRISTOPHER	498.56
30114614	02/14/2023	BRECHBIEL ALAN D	9.54
30114615	02/14/2023	BRUNK JEFFREY DARREN	65.58
30114616	02/14/2023	BURK JOANNA JOHNSON VOGTN	20.00
30114617	02/14/2023	BUTNER CECIL OWENS III	200.00
30114618	02/14/2023	CARPENTER LOYD WILLIAM JR	15.30
30114619	02/14/2023	CASSESS SAMUEL H	198.94
30114620	02/14/2023	CAUDILL HENRY SHAWVER	50.00

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30114621	02/14/2023	CHRISTIAN SHIRLEY	445.50
30114622	02/14/2023	COOK BRANDON WAYNE	142.67
30114623	02/14/2023	COOK JEFFREY TODD	10.00
30114624	02/14/2023	CRIDER TRAVIS RAY	68.73
30114625	02/14/2023	CROW ENTERPRISES LLC	24.01
30114626	02/14/2023	CROWDER JIMMIE DWAYNE	20.00
30114627	02/14/2023	CROWDER MELISSA ANN	60.00
30114628	02/14/2023	DAVIS CHRIS & STEPHANIE	7.20
30114629	02/14/2023	DAVIS CHRISTOPHER WALTER	47.03
30114630	02/14/2023	DAVIS STEPHANIE DEAN	33.05
30114631	02/14/2023	DAVIS WESLEY GRANT	20.00
30114632	02/14/2023	DILLON SHERRY C	21.35
30114633	02/14/2023	DUPUIS PATTY THOMSEN	20.00
30114634	02/14/2023	EDWARDS DONALD ELWOOD	33.72
30114635	02/14/2023	ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	1,374.17
30114636	02/14/2023	FLEMING IRENE KAY	20.00
30114637	02/14/2023	FORSYTH DAVID J & CATHERI	184.68
30114638	02/14/2023	FORSYTH DAVID J & CATHERI	197.03
30114639	02/14/2023	FORSYTH DAVID J & CATHERI	333.18
30114640	02/14/2023	FORSYTH DAVID J & CATHERI	545.94
30114641	02/14/2023	GOLLIHER STEVEN MICHAEL	6.66
30114642	02/14/2023	GREENS SIX LLC	453.60
30114643	02/14/2023	HACKLER DENNIS W & SHARON	7.95
30114644	02/14/2023	HENLEY STEPHEN TODD & TIN	230.54
30114645	02/14/2023	HOBACK WENDALL	109.76
30114646	02/14/2023	HORTON TOMMY MICHAEL	660.21
30114647	02/14/2023	HUNTER HANGER & ASSOCIATE	702.84
30114648	02/14/2023	JONES REBECCA MUSTARD	37.17
30114649	02/14/2023	KEEN TONY R	402.18
30114650	02/14/2023	KEEN TONY RAY	33.82
30114651	02/14/2023	KILGORE WILLIAM ROBERT	20.00
30114652	02/14/2023	KOGER JOHN THURMAN	20.00
30114653	02/14/2023	KOOSE PROPERTIES LLC	66.60
30114654	02/14/2023	KRUNICH ROBERT P	13.77
30114655	02/14/2023	KRUNICH ROBERT PAUL	7.38
30114656	02/14/2023	KRUNICH ROBERT PAUL	262.21
30114657	02/14/2023	LAGO CHRISTOPHER ALAN ANS	13.40
30114658	02/14/2023	LANTER LEMUEL F JR & DEBR	40.60
30114659	02/14/2023	LAWSON ALYSSA SHEA	11.47



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30114660	02/14/2023	MABRY TAMMY H	27.00
30114661	02/14/2023	MANUEL JOHNIE WOODSON	20.00
30114662	02/14/2023	MARTIN REBECCA W	152.12
30114663	02/14/2023	MARTIN REBECCA W	92.90
30114664	02/14/2023	MATEO ALVARADO ELIODORO	27.01
30114665	02/14/2023	MATHENA BELINDA MICHELLE	20.00
30114666	02/14/2023	MCCOURT COURTNEY LORRAINE	107.42
30114667	02/14/2023	MDBJ LLC	20.43
30114668	02/14/2023	MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT	153.78
30114669	02/14/2023	MULLINS BURNS PRESTON	10.00
30114670	02/14/2023	MULLINS EDWARD	7.26
30114671	02/14/2023	MULLINS EDWARD H	5.10
30114672	02/14/2023	MULLINS EDWARD H	58.20
30114673	02/14/2023	NYE ROLLIE CLAYTON JR &	42.15
30114674	02/14/2023	PARCELL CHARLES DAVID II	86.19
30114675	02/14/2023	PATTON FOY W & MONICA H	400.35
30114676	02/14/2023	PETRUNYAK DAVID MICHAEL	10.00
30114677	02/14/2023	PORTER JASON M	7.00
30114678	02/14/2023	PRIMM AMANDA	6.63
30114679	02/14/2023	QUESENBERRY LARRY WAYNE	4.95
30114680	02/14/2023	QUESENBERRY LARRY WAYNE	6.09
30114681	02/14/2023	RATCLIFFE THOMAS ALAN	20.48
30114682	02/14/2023	REYNOLDS HALEY LACOTA	20.00
30114683	02/14/2023	RICHARDSON ROSCOE JR	29.01
30114684	02/14/2023	ROSE RHONDA KAYE	27.75
30114685	02/14/2023	RT 100 WELDING FAB & MACH	345.92
30114686	02/14/2023	SCHENEMAN HEATHER ANN	969.61
30114687	02/14/2023	SCOTT MATTHEW HARVEY	20.00
30114688	02/14/2023	SH CLEANING	6.30
30114689	02/14/2023	SHOWALTER RICHARD R JR &	7.74
30114690	02/14/2023	SHOWALTER RICHARD R JR &	8.28
30114691	02/14/2023	SHUPE SHELVEY J	36.49
30114692	02/14/2023	SMITH CATHY GRAVLEY	20.00
30114693	02/14/2023	SMITH PATRICIA MAY	20.00
30114694	02/14/2023	SOUTHERN STATES	412.63
30114695	02/14/2023	SPENCER ROGER WARD	47.30
30114696	02/14/2023	SPICER STANLEY RAY &	8.04
30114697	02/14/2023	SPICER STANLEY RAY &	198.14
30114698	02/14/2023	SPRAKER TIMOTHY BURTON	61.30

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30114699	02/14/2023	SPROUSE COLBY DALTON	420.55
30114700	02/14/2023	STEPHENS MICHAEL G	7.26
30114701	02/14/2023	STEPHENS MICHAEL GARLAND	225.40
30114702	02/14/2023	STUART 2 <sup>ND</sup> MICHAEL O	20.00
30114703	02/14/2023	TAT PROPERTIES LLC	34.05
30114704	02/14/2023	THOMAS KRISTEN MARIE	227.66
30114705	02/14/2023	THOMAS SHIRLEY A (FOR LIF	79.05
30114706	02/14/2023	THOMPSON JOHN PATRICK	278.55
30114707	02/14/2023	TIBBS JAMES MICHAEL	30.00
30114708	02/14/2023	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	451.79
30114709	02/14/2023	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	502.30
30114710	02/14/2023	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	677.68
30114711	02/14/2023	VIARS EDDIE L & VICKIE L	6.45
30114712	02/14/2023	WALK JR WAYNE DOUGLAS	895.20
30114713	02/14/2023	WALKE JOHN W JR	4.68
30114714	02/14/2023	WALKE JOHN W JR	124.59
30114715	02/14/2023	WALKER BRADLEY	5.91
30114716	02/14/2023	WALKER LAURA	14.85
30114717	02/14/2023	WALTERS EMILIANNE	20.00
30114718	02/14/2023	WILLIAMS ENTERPRISES LLC	281.52
30114719	02/14/2023	WRIGHT JEFFREY L	301.41
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES 02/14/2023</b>			<b>\$ 16,492.81</b>

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 02/14/2023** **\$2,118,135.72**

Chair Vaught asked about several checks made payable to individual citizens and whether they might be the personal property tax rebate.

Mr. Bear said those are not the rebates, rather, the Treasurer's Office has to periodically issue refunds.

Supervisor Smith seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Jesse R. Burnett
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Board was presented with the January 24, 2023 minutes for approval.

Supervisor Burnett made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson, to approve the January 24, 2023 minutes as presented.

Chair Vaught wanted to clarify what he said at the January 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting about Fire & Rescue being a basic service. He did not mean to imply that recreation is not important and the draft minutes misquoted him regarding recreational funding. He merely wanted to stress that fire and rescue needs to be a priority in Wythe County, and needs to be addressed as such during the budget season currently underway.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Supervisor Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to appoint Dennis Manuel to the Joint Industrial Development Authority.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Jesse R. Burnett
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

### **COXS TRAILER PARK ROAD UPDATE**

Mr. Bear said that Mr. Holliday was to attend tonight but, apparently, he got held up. They were to have had a court date yesterday but Mr. King (owner) cannot be located. The Sheriff's Office is working on finding him so they can serve papers.

Mr. Farthing added that the court issued a summons (no arraignment). He understands that once Mr. King is served with a warrant, a court date will then be set.

### **LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT (LOLE) BLOCK GRANT**

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Cook, to accept the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant in the amount of \$1,870.00.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:           Rolland R. Cook                           Jesse R. Burnett  
                  Ryan M. Lawson                       B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.  
                  James D. "Jamie" Smith               Stacy A. Terry

NAYS:           None

ABSTAIN:       Brian W. Vaught

**KAUFMAN & CANOLES ENGAGEMENT LETTER**

Mr. Bear has been working with Webster Day (bond counsel) and Davenport on some taxable and non-taxable issuances, and it was recommended that the County retain additional counsel to assist in those efforts.

Supervisor Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Burnett, to approve the engagement letter with Kaufman & Canoles and authorize County Administrator to sign.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:           Brian W. Vaught                           Jesse R. Burnett  
                  Rolland R. Cook                       B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.  
                  Ryan M. Lawson                       Stacy A. Terry  
                  James D. "Jamie" Smith

NAYS:           None

**PREPAYMENT TO VENDORS**

Mr. Hankins stated the Board previously approved equipment for the APEX but that the invoices have not yet been received. Because time is of the essence, Mr. Hankins requests authorization to prepay ThermalTech, Baltimore Aircoil and Trane.

Vice Chair Cook made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson, to authorize the prepayment to three vendors for APEX equipment previously approved.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:           Brian W. Vaught                           James D. "Jamie" Smith  
                  Rolland R. Cook                       Jesse R. Burnett

Ryan M. Lawson

B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

NAYS: Stacy A. Terry

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

1. Building Inspection Cash Drawer – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to increase the Building Inspection cash drawer amount to \$150.00.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Jesse R. Burnett
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

2. Department of Criminal Justice Grant – New Body Cameras – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to amend and appropriate \$18,750 to Sheriff Department Police Supplies (3102-461260). This is grant funding for the purchase of new body cameras.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rolland R. Cook	Jesse R. Burnett
	Ryan M. Lawson	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	Stacy A. Terry

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Brian W. Vaught

3. Transfer Request – High School Construction Funds – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to transfer \$35,562.09 from BOS Reserve High School Construction (700-260617) to School Construction Fund (220-101000).

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Jesse R. Burnett
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

4. Transfer Request – Water Budget – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to transfer out of the Progress Park expenditure budget \$80,531.00 from 81061-489928 General Fund to 4401-489928 Water Operating.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Jesse R. Burnett
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

5. Transfer Request – Wastewater Budget – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to transfer out of the Progress Park expenditure budget \$26,844.00 from 81061-489928 General Fund to 4402-489928 Wastewater Operating.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Jesse R. Burnett
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

## WATER COMMITTEE

1. Olive Branch/Dunford Road – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee, to apply for a larger project (in order to maximize grant potential) including Dunford Road and the Route 94 Line Replacement, in needed areas from Lots Gap to Ivanhoe.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Jesse R. Burnett
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

2. Low Income Household Water Assistance Program – Mr. Bear asked that approval be postponed until an agreement is received. The Board concurred.
3. Delinquent (Uncollectable) Accounts – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee, to write off seven delinquent accounts that have been deemed uncollectable.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Jesse R. Burnett
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

## SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

1. Plats – Supervisor Burnett mentioned that the Planning Commission made a recommendation that owner's telephone number be removed from the plats.

Mr. Hankins said that the Code requires the telephone number on the plat when it is being recorded. However, he said the ordinance could be changed.

Mr. Bear added that Mrs. Shelton is drafting an amendment to that ordinance.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to authorize staff to advertise a public hearing to amend the ordinance.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

2. Staff Street Transportation Service District – Since on the subject of a public hearing, Mr. Bear asked the Board to consider a public hearing to amend Staff Street Transportation Service District from a tax rate of \$1.48 to a flat rate for everyone.

Supervisor Burnett made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to authorize staff to advertise a public hearing to amend the Staff Street Ordinance.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

3. Speed Cameras at Jackson and Fort Chiswell – Supervisor Burnett has been asked for an update on the speed cameras.

Sheriff Foster responded that they are working on Fort Chiswell now and will move to Jackson next. The work should be complete within the month.

4. Speeding on Route 94 – Supervisor Burnett has received concerns about speeding on Route 94 around the Sheffey School area to Route 52. It would be great if that area could be patrolled.

Supervisor Lawson heard from a citizen who voiced concerns that a school bus was nearly T-boned, and on another occasion, witnessed an individual passing FOUR vehicles at once. It sounds pretty bad and seems to be getting worse.

5. Fire & EMS Staffing – Supervisor Lawson asked for an update.

Mr. Hankins and Mr. McCabe met with Michael Parris from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs yesterday. There were several areas Mr. Parris referenced that Mr. Hankins needs to research further in the Code to get a better understanding. He should have an update for the Board at the next meeting.



6. Reed Creek Launch Sites – Mr. Hankins, although not asked, said the County is seeking final approval from AEP for the site at Millers Creek, and he has asked AEP for an expedited review.

7. Ager Park Update – Vice Chair Cook asked for an update on Ager Park.

Mr. Hankins responded that Mr. Williams received an updated proposal yesterday from the contractor we agreed to work with. They haven't yet had a chance to thoroughly review the multi-phase proposal but will have more details to provide at the next Board meeting.

8. Fire & EMS Staffing – Supervisor Smith asked Mr. Hankins if the staffing being considered will address both Max Meadows Fire Department as well as Lead Mines Rescue Squad.

Mr. Hankins said yes but that they still need to resolve potential issues relating to EMS.

Supervisor Smith wants this to stay at the forefront and to keep pressing on.

Mr. Hankins said that a great deal of time has been spent on the "structure". Although a few new wrinkles came up yesterday, he believes it can still be done in a responsible way, keeping in mind some of the budgetary constraints as well as the current market.

9. Broadband – Supervisor Smith has received a lot of questions about the status of Broadband.

Mr. Hankins has communicated with the Broadband rep recently and learned that the work in Speedwell has been delayed due to right-of-way and easement issues. This delay will prevent them from finishing the Speedwell area by the end of the first quarter, as expected. Broadband is asking DHCD for an extension on the project, but they do anticipate starting the second phase on time.

10. Smith Road Update – Supervisor Smith asked Mr. Bear for an update.

Mr. Bear has scheduled a meeting later this week to discuss Revenue Sharing. He said they've got some numbers on Bertha Farms Road they're looking at, and that

Southcrest was another one, as well as Smith Road. If there are others, they can be considered.

11. Gator Lane Guardrail – Supervisor Smith said that when they met with VDOT back in November, VDOT was going to take care of this, but nothing has been done.
12. Litter Pick-up – Supervisor Smith said the litter is getting worse along the road ways.

Chair Vaught stated that the regional jail has just one part-time crew that services every jurisdiction in the region. The crew did pick up a lot of litter along Route 21 last week. If anyone has specific areas where litter is accumulating, send that information to Chief Deputy Cline.

13. VDOT Six Year Plan – Supervisor Horney asked when the Board will be considering the Six Year Plan.

Mr. Bear responded that it's typically done in May. VDOT will be here at the next meeting to discuss Gleaves Road Bridge so the Board can ask about the Six Year Plan at that time.

14. Gleaves Road Bridge – Supervisor Horney asked if public meetings will be scheduled to talk about the bridge?

Mr. Bear believes VDOT will ask the Board what they would prefer regarding public input meetings. VDOT will provide an update at the next meeting and interested parties are welcome to attend.

15. Radio System – Chair Vaught asked for an update on the radio system and FCC frequencies.

Mr. Hankins said there is a purchase order pending for the subscriber units that will be ordered this week. Five of the six frequencies have been obtained but Mr. Hankins will check on the last one.

16. GO TECH Program – The Chair said everyone should have received an email invitation to learn more about the GO TECH program the school system is piloting. Everyone is welcome to attend this informational session on March 9<sup>th</sup> at

5:00 p.m. at Rural Retreat Middle School. The Chair said it's "absolutely amazing" what these middle school students are doing with technology.

17. Sales Tax and Local School Board Funding – Chair Vaught asked if there are any updates.

Mr. Bear has not seen or heard anything but he will look into it.

Mr. Hankins said part of this is being held up in the General Assembly and he doesn't believe they're close to a resolution yet.

**CLOSED MEETING**

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Burnett, to enter into Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711.A.8 Consultation with Legal Counsel (Solar), and Section 2.2-3711.A.1 Personnel (County Administration).

The vote on the motion was unanimous, with one absent.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Burnett, to return to open meeting.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Jesse R. Burnett
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

Upon returning to open meeting, Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Burnett, to adopt the following Resolution certifying the business conducted in closed meeting as follows:

**RESOLUTION  
CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

**WHEREAS**, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in

accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Wythe County Board of Supervisors that such meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Jesse R. Burnett
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

#### **SOLAR DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to enter into a development agreement with Wythe County Solar Project, LLC and authorize County Administrator to execute.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Jesse R. Burnett
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

**RECESS**

The Board recessed until Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for a Joint Meeting with the Wythe County School Board.

**RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened on Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brian W. Vaught, Chair  
Ryan M. Lawson  
James D. "Jamie" Smith

Jesse R. Burnett  
B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Rolland R. Cook, Vice Chair

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator  
Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk  
Matthew C. Hankins, Assistant County Administrator

**SCHOOL BOARD PRESENT:**

Peggy A. Wagy, Chair  
Ann H. Manley, Vice Chair  
Chalmer L. Frye

Stephen King  
Lee H. Johnson

**SCHOOL BOARD ABSENT:**

Tonya M. Freeman

Don L. Goode

**SCHOOL BOARD STAFF PRESENT:**

Nicki Blankenship  
Brad Haga  
Catrina Hall

Rebecca James  
G. Wesley Poole

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Joshua Fowler  
Dicky Morgan

Gina Privett  
Julia Tomiak

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Both Chair Vaught and Chair Wagy determined that a quorum was present from each of their Boards and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The School Board moved to unanimously approve the meeting agenda.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Chair Wagy thanked the Board of Supervisors for hosting this meeting so that the School Board can enlighten them on all the great things going on at WCPS. Chair Wagy then turned the meeting over to Dr. Poole to highlight major activities taking place with respect to Wythe County schools and answer any questions the Board may have.

## **WCPS PROGRAMS & HIGHLIGHTS**

School Superintendent, Dr. Poole was very pleased to report that Wythe County ranked 11 out of 133 schools in SOL testing, and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade science ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the State! Wythe County citizens should be exceedingly proud of that. Some of the noteworthy programs and accomplishments discussed are as follows:

- Re-established Superintendent Advisory Group made up of students, teachers and parents, who meet quarterly with participants from each school.
- Re-established Teacher Peer Group meetings.
- All students in Wythe County schools are eligible for free lunches.
- WCPS has applied for grant funding for 3D mapping in every building as a security measure, as well as seeking/implementing other safety tools (speed enforcement).
- Re-established an alternative program (Rise Academy) for students who've lost their way academically.
- WCPS has a grant-funded Mental Health Specialist as well as a Certified Behavioral Specialist.
- Manufacturing Excellence and Healthcare Excellence Training
- Industrial Maintenance Program in conjunction with WCC.
- WCTC Go-Tech Lab Open House, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at Rural Retreat Middle School

Supervisor Smith would like to discuss the Lab School (scholarships) further with Dr. Poole outside of this meeting. He also asked about the location of the SW VA Governor's School. Dr. Poole replied it will be at the New River Community College.

Regarding ADM (average daily membership), Dr. Poole said that last year was built on 3,615 and this year is averaging close to 3,715 which is very good.

Chair Vaught asked about State funding and whether the State corrected their mistake relating to sales tax, and Dr. Poole said the calculation error has now been corrected.

Dr. Poole provided a summary update on the Scott Memorial School building project and reviewed the plans. The landscape has already changed dramatically to accommodate the new building. The group briefly discussed the financial aspects of the project and the \$2.7M shortfall.

Supervisors Terry and Horney both thanked the School Board and everyone at WCPS for their efforts and coming together to share this information with the Board.

Supervisor Smith echoed the comments from Supervisors Terry and Horney. He would also like to discuss further a recent incident with Dr. Poole, outside of this meeting.

Supervisor Lawson thanked everyone for their efforts especially with the Scott Memorial project. She hopes the School Board is looking carefully at pay increases this year.

Supervisor Burnett appreciates everything being done in WCPS, especially the Tech Center that he is a product of.

Mr. Bear added that a successful application was made for the Ready-Set-Go grant for the crosswalk at Fort Chiswell High School. The engineering firm is preparing layout/plan and the next step is to make an application for the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) later this year to fund the project. Mr. Bear said the estimated cost for the sidewalk/crosswalk is \$1.3M.

Chair Vaught thanked the School Board for the joint meeting and welcomed Mr. King back. He believes that a 7% pay raise is a good number. But, unfortunately, with respect to health insurance rates, the County is looking at a 9.9% increase (with family coverage being affected the most). We were, however, very fortunate the past few years with little to no increase.

Regarding the Opioid settlement, Chair Vaught would very much like to see some of that money be used for a Drug Abuse Counselor for middle and high school students. He feels strongly that our kids need to be a priority.

The Chair would also like to see the school bus garage provide more basic services (oil changes, tires, brakes) for all county vehicles, even if it means adding onto the garage and hiring more mechanics.

Chair Wagy thanked the Board of Supervisors for the opportunity to talk about all the great things going on at WCPS. Our teachers and students are doing an amazing job!

Dr. Poole thanked both Boards for doing such a great job (albeit a thankless one) to meet the needs of Wythe County citizens.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to come before the Boards, both Chair Wagy and Chair Vaught adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:20 p.m.

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Brian W. Vaught, Chair